

SOME SCHOONER WAS SUNK

Only Point on Which There is Uncertainty is the Ship's Identity.

RUMOR A STEAMSHIP HAD BEEN FIRED UPON

Report that a Vessel Was Sent to the Bottom Off Puerto Padre, Cuba, by a Spanish Gunboat is Now Confirmed.

TAMPA, Fla., March 20.—The steamer Mascotte arrived here last evening direct from Havana and brought later reports from the seat of the revolution. Copies of La Lucha confirm the report of the sinking of the schooner by the Spanish gunboat off Puerto Padre.

In the same issue there are reports of the departure of General Jose Carrich and Colonel Sarrat with their commands before Jiguani, and their attack on the insurgents at Los Negros, at which place a battle was fought. This confirms previous reports. A letter received from Santiago stated that thirty leading young men of that place had gone in the field under command of a prominent lawyer named Jomoy. Letters assert that in Los Villas the insurgents are rapidly gaining both strength and confidence. Organized bands are beginning to arise in different sections of this district, and especially near Santo Spirit.

For two days uncertain and untraceable reports have reached here regarding an American steamship being fired on by a Spanish gunboat on the south coast of Florida. Today's steamer brought news from Key West which is said to be authentic, claiming that the steamer Irene of Key West had been fired upon and destroyed by the Infanta Isabel near Charlotte harbor after the steamer went ashore, where she lies above South harbor. It is generally believed that the authorities at Washington have been notified. The Irene is a coasting schooner of sixty tons, commanded by Captain Garbales, and originally carried a crew of eight.

SPAIN HAS NOT APOLOGIZED

MADRID, March 20.—The Spanish government has not apologized for the action of the gunboat which it is claimed fired on the American steamer.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Senator Frye was asked today what he thought of the prospect of an amicable settlement of the Alliance difficulty with Spain, and replied: "Unfortunately the later reports make it appear to be very good. It looks as if Spain would make the required apology and if so all will soon be settled. I had hoped it would be otherwise and that Spain would assume such a belligerent tone that it would be necessary for the United States to go over and take possession of Cuba, and then to have that island in order to round up our possessions as they should be, and if we cannot buy it I for one should like to have an opportunity to acquire by conquest."

NEW YORK, March 20.—Captain Crossman was seen by an Associated press reporter today just before his steamer, the Albatross, sailed for Cuba, and was asked what he had to say regarding the statement that President Cleveland had expressed great dissatisfaction with the conduct of the steamer. Captain Crossman said: "I am not in a position to say anything more than that the steamer was fired upon and destroyed."

MODOC FOX HAS BEEN DROWNED

Hero of Many Escapes Loses His Life While Yachting in Australia.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The Yachtsman, a London paper of the 19th March, contains an account of the capsizing of a yacht in the Swan river, Perth, West Australia, on March 4, when several lives were lost. Among those reported to have been drowned was Edward Fox, a former New Yorker, known to his friends as "Modoc" Fox. Mr. Fox earned the sobriquet of "Modoc" when acting as correspondent of the New York Herald in London, and was a member of the newspaper world. He had been a promoter of various enterprises and several years ago he went to London, making London his headquarters.

Mr. Fox became prominent a few years ago as a party to the Drayton-Borrowe duel negotiations. He was one of Hallett Alloppe Borrowe's second, and was a friend of the Duke of Devonshire. He was a member of the House of Commons, and was a member of the House of Lords. He was a member of the House of Commons, and was a member of the House of Lords.

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Beginning of the End of the Deadlock in the Delaware Legislature.

DOVER, Del., March 20.—There was much excitement when the first ballot was taken today and it was found that Higgins' followers, with the exception of Representative Wilson, had deserted and voted for Edward G. Bradford of Newcastle. Money and Walker, Higgins men, who were about, were not. On the first and second ballot Higgins got 1 vote and Bradford 6. On the third ballot Higgins got 1, Bradford 1 and Hiram B. Burton of Sussex county 6. Fourth ballot, Higgins 1, Bradford 1 and Hiram B. Burton 6. The desertion was entirely unexpected. Representative Moore, an Addicks adherent, says this is the beginning of the end. Representative Hall, another Addicks follower, canvassed the republicans in the house in the interest of Harry A. Richardson of Dover, but without success. So far eighty-six ballots have been taken since the deadlock began.

ONE WAS WOUNDED ON EACH SIDE

Desperate Fight with Two Robbers in Cumberland Gap Tunnel.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., March 20.—Robbers attacked Frank Bell, George Neo and Gibson in Cumberland Gap tunnel this morning. Bell and his companions were armed and battle ensued. Five shots were exchanged. One robber was wounded, but escaped. Gibson was slightly wounded. The Louisville & Nashville rail train passed over the road today, and it is supposed the robbers were waiting for it.

DEATH OF GENERAL ADAM BADEAU

Grant's Military Secretary and Historian Passes Away in New Jersey.

RIDGEWOOD, N. J., March 20.—General Badeau, who was on the staff of General Grant as military secretary and who afterwards served as secretary of the American legation in London, died, aged 64 years.

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DUCHESS OF LEINSTER DEAD

Most Beautiful Woman of the United Kingdom Dies at Mentone.

MENTONE, France, March 20.—The Duchess of Leinster, widow of the fifth duke of Leinster, who died in 1893 at Carton, county Kildare, is dead. The duchess was married to the duke of Leinster, who was premier duke, marquis and earl of Ireland, in 1884. She was a daughter of the first duke of Devonshire and was reputed the most beautiful woman in the United Kingdom. Her son, the present duke of Leinster, was born in 1885.

Death of Prince Waldemar

BERLIN, March 20.—Prince Waldemar, reigning prince of Lippe-Detmold, is dead, aged 71. He leaves no issue.

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